

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

BISHOP, Robert (Rob) (Republican)  
Representative, 1st District, Utah  
Elected 2002 to 108th Congress



### BACKGROUND

Born: Salt Lake City, Utah, 13 Jul 1951

Home: Kaysville, Utah

Marital Status: Married (Jeralynn), 5 children

Religion: Mormon

Education: University of Utah, BS (Political Science)

Military: None

Profession: High school teacher; state legislator

Political: Utah House of Representatives (16 years), including service as Majority Leader and Speaker of the House. The former Utah State Republican chairman has never lost an election. Defeated advertising executive Dave Thomas (D) with 61% of the vote for the seat of retiring Rep James Hansen (R).

Rep Bishop is a conservative, is said to possess an “overdeveloped sense of sarcasm” and is described as a “gum-chewing, wise cracking 51 year old” who has taught high school for 28 years. (Salt Lake Tribune) Viewed as condescending by some. Bishop opposed President Bush’s education bill because of his belief that it moves away from constitutional local control. He has served as a paid lobbyist for the state affiliate of the National Rifle Association and views the Second Amendment as an absolute guarantee of gun rights. Opposes attempts to ban licensed concealed weapons in schools and favors repealing the federal law barring gun sales and possession to those named in domestic violence protective orders. Favors deeper and permanent federal tax cuts and supports a flat one-rate income tax. (Salt Lake Tribune political profile)

Additional: Enjoys and participates in community theater; avid baseball fan; one of his sons (Zenock, 19) is currently serving with a Latter Day Saints mission in the Philippines; district includes Ogden ALC, Tooele Army Depot, and Dugway Proving Ground.

AF Bases: Hill AFB; AF Plant 78 (Thiokol); Hill AF Range; Salt Lake City (ANG); Wendover AF Range; Reserve Forces

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